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RULE 312 AMENDMENT AND COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 15, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following Rule 312 amendment and to consider the comments on The Statement for Reasons for Allowance.

The Examiner has indicated that the claims in the above referenced case are allowable because the prior art of record does not teach a level of an integrated circuit comprising "a core area having an exact 25 μm^2 area and a peripheral area having an exact 25 μm^2 area". It is Applicants position and understanding that